

## 'FIND VICE CONSUL' IS U. S. ULTIMATUM SENT TO HUERTA

**Demands for Release of Silliman Made Through Three Friendly Nations.**

**NO WORD SINCE ARREST BY  
FEDERALS FOUR DAYS AGO**

**Excuse That Wires Are Down  
to Saltillo Not Accepted By  
This Government.**

"Find John R. Silliman, American vice consul at Saltillo," was the peremptory order given Huerta today by three powerful governments. What amounted to an ultimatum was given to the dictator on behalf of the United States through the German, French and Brazilian embassies at Mexico City to locate the vice consul, who was reported to have been thrown in jail by Mexican federalists at San Luis Potosi.

Although Silliman's arrest was reported four days ago, not one word, not a single clue of any kind from any source, has been given to throw any light on his whereabouts. The younger General Maas is said to be responsible for his detention. This was stated emphatically today at the State Department.

Minister Cordoba of Brazil, who is in charge of the American embassy at Mexico City, reported to the State Department today that communication with Saltillo is still interrupted, and there is no news of the vice consul's whereabouts or his fate.

**Threat Goes With Demand.**  
Minister Cordoba says that Huerta is making inquiries.

Not satisfied with this state of affairs, the State Department is pressing its inquiries and demands, and has served new ultimatum to the government. It is expressed at the department today that the State Department will take the city of Saltillo so that the release of information about Silliman can be obtained. The vice consul's position is believed to be similar to that of Consul Hanna at Monterrey, who was held and who obtained his release only when the constitutionalists took that city.

Minister Cordoba, the French and the German representatives in Mexico City were again asked today to make the most vigorous representations to the Huerta government. Consul Canales and other American representatives in the consular service were instructed today to ferret out any information possible that might bear upon the Silliman case.

**Situation Is Acute.**  
The situation with respect to Vice Consul Silliman has reached an acute state, and Government officials are outraged at this new indignity. As yet, however, the State Department has no official information. Huerta is in earnest in seeking information on the release of the American vice consul, and a diplomat who has been co-operating with the State Department in its efforts to obtain the release of Silliman, said today that he knew not what to do as it seemed that Huerta is not in earnest in seeking information on the release of the American vice consul.

The State Department has again been informed that because of the impending attack upon Saltillo communication between that city and Mexico City has been cut off, and that the release of Silliman cannot be received because of this condition. Officials here are convinced, however, that Huerta must have some means of communication with his forces at Saltillo, and that he is not dependent upon the commercial telegraph lines.

**May Force Invasion.**  
Just what steps will be taken to recover the person of Silliman should the present demands fail, will not be discussed by officials of the State Department or the Administration. Should this country be pushed to the last resort, however, it would mean an advance of the American forces, at least as far as Saltillo.

The Administration faces a difficult position, however, because of the friendship toward the constitutionalists, and the fact that active steps to recover the person of the consul might interfere with or interrupt the constitutionalists' campaign against Huerta.

**Uncle Knows Everything.**  
Little Jimmy came to Toronto from his northern Ontario home, where friends are hardly ever seen. One day when he was walking with his uncle Bob they happened to pass a negro woman, and the following conversation took place:  
Say uncle, why did that woman black her face?  
Why, she hasn't blacked her face; it's her natural color, said uncle.  
Is she black like that all over?  
Yes, yes.  
Gosh, uncle, you know everything, don't you?—Ideal Power.

**On Principle.**  
Stude: Don't you ever sweep under the carpet?  
Janitor: Yes, sir. I always sweep anything under the carpet.—Yale Record.

**THE WEATHER REPORT.**

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Showers this afternoon and tonight; Saturday probably cloudy; Maryland—Showers this afternoon and tonight; Saturday probably cloudy; moderate to fresh shifting winds becoming west.

Virginia—Showers this afternoon; cloudy and cooler tonight; Saturday fair, moderate variable winds becoming west.

The temperature today as registered at the United States Weather Bureau and Affairs:

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**TIDE TABLE.**  
High tide: 6:23 a. m. and 6:56 p. m.  
Low tide: 12:26 a. m. and 1:07 p. m.

**SUN TABLE.**  
Sun rises: 4:57 Sun sets: 8:07

## PALO ALTO 68 YEARS AGO

The battle of Palo Alto, the first real engagement of the war with Mexico in 1846, was fought sixty-eight years ago today. Gen. Zachary Taylor, with a force of 2,000 Americans, defeated General Arista and 6,000 Mexicans, after five hours' fighting. Four Americans were killed and forty wounded. One hundred Mexicans were killed.

This was not the first blood shed in the war, as Captain Thornton and a company of dragoons surrendered to Mexicans April 26, after losing sixteen men when Mexicans attacked them along the Rio Grande. General Taylor was returning to Fort Brown from Point Isabel, where he had gone to strengthen the forces, when he encountered Arista's forces, and the first important engagement occurred.

## Lift Embargo and I'll End War—Villa

**Edict of United States Against Shipment of Arms Is  
Uselessly Protracting Struggle, Says Rebel  
Leader, Who Reiterates He Has No  
Hostility for This Country.**

TORREON, Mexico, May 8.—A plea for the lifting of the embargo on arms as the swiftest and most humanitarian method of bringing peace to Mexico was made in an interview by General Villa, general in chief of the constitutionalist army.

"The embargo is protracting this struggle uselessly," he said. "I hope that the American Government understands the American Government is interfering seriously with the plans of the constitutionalists. Gomez Palacio, Torreon, San Pedro de Las Colonias and even Monterrey were constitutionalist successes due to the brief lifting of the embargo. Mexico should be justified in not gaining this end quickly while we suffer from lack of ammunition."

"We can continue this struggle for better social and economic conditions in Mexico by capturing our munitions from the enemy, as we have done largely in the past, but such a method would necessarily drag the war over a long period. I believe, therefore, that every humanitarian consideration argues for the lifting of the embargo. The sooner we can secure our arms and ammunition we need the sooner the country will be pacified. I am sure the position is believed to be similar to that of Consul Hanna at Monterrey, who was held and who obtained his release only when the constitutionalists took that city."

General Villa spoke of his attitude toward the United States and Americans in event that hostilities should ensue between the two countries. "I wish," he said, "to make it clear to the people of the United States that I am anxious for all Americans connected with industries in Mexico to turn and again take up their pursuits. I wish to add that the foreigners now in Mexico and those who return will have nothing to fear should it ever come to war between Mexico and the United States, and I give my word that everything possible would be done by me to protect them. Should they desire to leave the country in such an eventuality, they would be free to do so at their disposal to take them and all their movable property out of the country."

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## SAYS CLIENT FEARED AN UNFAIR TRIAL

**Attorney Easby-Smith Tells  
Wright Investigating Com-  
mittee of Suit.**

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hard in the December term. Macdonald appeared and asked a postponement for a month, so saying he had just come into the case. I opposed and two weeks was finally allowed for the rebuttal.

"On December 17 I received a letter by messenger serving me with copy of amended bill. Macdonald said he would not be ready to argue the case on the 20th. Judge Barnard insisted on the case going to trial the next day and the testimony of plaintiff and defendant was read. Judge Barnard told Mr. Macdonald to go ahead with his case. I noted that Louis Carmody, private secretary to Judge Wright, was in the courtroom. I think no body else was there except attorneys or parties interested.

**Sent For by Wright.**  
"As Macdonald began his argument Carmody went up and spoke to him and Macdonald said:

"Judge Wright has sent for me; I would like to be excused for a few minutes."

"Judge Barnard said he would excuse Macdonald if he was desired by an associate justice. As Macdonald came to the door, and said to the clerk: "It is not about this case, your honor." "Mr. Macdonald came back in about five minutes and said he wanted to move to dismiss Mrs. Rauscher's bill. I objected to a dismissal without an agreement as to the payment of costs. General Villa told of the efforts he was making in preparation for an effective campaign against Saltillo and San Luis Potosi. He said that the 15,000 men he reviewed yesterday were well mounted. The next moves in Villa's war plans, it is said, would be somewhat on General Carranza, who is expected tomorrow. Hundreds of boxcars for transportation of troops have been concentrated about Torreon, and large stores of provisions and forage have been assembled. Available troops from the north are being brought here. The reopening of the Torreon-Monterrey line of railroad, repairs of which are going forward rapidly, will greatly facilitate the handling of troops."

**Case on Wright's Calendar.**  
"Meanwhile, the replevin case came on and Mr. Ambrose entered his appearance in this case, after having withdrawn in the divorce case. He represented Mrs. Rauscher. The case had fallen on Judge Wright's calendar in the natural course, the cases being divided between courts Nos. 1 and 2 according to their old or even numbers."

"My client said he was unwilling to have the replevin case tried before Judge Wright, and when I observed the case would probably be on trial in January 1915, I went to Judge Wright and asked him to certify the case to the chief justice, sitting in court No. 1."

"Judge Wright asked why I wanted the case to be tried before the chief justice. I told him that the chief justice had previously decided some of the points in the case, and that it would save time if Justice Clabaugh heard it. Judge Wright said that he would certify the case to the chief justice, sitting in court No. 1. I then told Judge Wright that my client said he could not get a fair trial before him. The judge said that was wrong, and that my client had no grounds for such a belief. He asked the grounds.

"I told him that my client knew and that I knew that Mrs. Rauscher had been frequently to his chambers. Judge Wright asked if I intended to intimate any impropriety of any kind, and I told him I did not. I said, however, that it was a matter of common knowledge and report that Mrs. Rauscher had been to his chambers a good deal.

**Busie Himself.**  
"I also told Judge Wright that we knew that his secretary, Carmody, visited Mrs. Rauscher frequently, and had been to her in both the cases before him. I told him that my client did not feel he could get a fair trial under the circumstances. This, to my mind, was a sufficient reason for asking a transfer. I also told Judge Wright that my client knew and that I knew that Mrs. Rauscher had been frequently to his chambers. Judge Wright asked if I intended to intimate any impropriety of any kind, and I told him I did not. I said, however, that it was a matter of common knowledge and report that Mrs. Rauscher had been to his chambers a good deal.

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about Judge Clabaugh's previous knowledge of the case and the view of my client. Judge Wright said he had decided to certify the case, a though the suspicions of my client were not justified. He told us to come into court and take the order of transfer.

**Asks of Easby-Smith to Go.**  
"I was busy and asked Mr. Easby-Smith to go into court and get the order a day or so later. Attorney Mather walked up to the bench and talked to Judge Wright, according to Mr. Easby-Smith's statement, and Mother came out and told Easby-Smith that Judge Wright would not certify the case to another court. He told Easby-Smith he would have to see me about it."

"Next day I formally moved to certify the case to court No. 1, and Judge Wright said:

"I am not going to certify the case because it has been communicated to me that Mrs. Rauscher objects to hearing the case before the chief justice."

"I said I would move in open court for the transfer, but I did not want to say the things I had said to the judge in chambers. Judge Wright told me to go ahead and say them, and after I started he interrupted me with the statement:

"I am willing to certify this case to any judge except the chief justice." "An agreement was then reached, at the suggestion of Attorney Mather, that the case go to Justice Gould. It is still on the calendar."

Congressman Beall asked if there was anything in the "common report" about Judge Wright and Mrs. Rauscher which led Mr. Easby-Smith to believe he was partial to her.

**Not Justified.**  
"I know of nothing that would justify me in believing there were improper relations between the judge and Mrs. Rauscher. I have no knowledge of that. I thought that the fact that she was seen at his chambers and his secretary was so busy in the case was sufficient to ask for a change of courts. Her husband never made the slightest charge against her and I know nothing justifying me in believing that there was anything improper about Mrs. Rauscher. There was talk about her running down Judge Wright's chambers and I saw her there myself."

"Was Judge Wright legally advising her, you think?"

"I have no knowledge of that. I have no doubt some of Mr. Macdonald's action in the case were advised by Judge Wright. Mr. Easby-Smith referred to the incident where Mr. Macdonald had been called from the courtroom into Judge Wright's chambers."

"What were the rumors about Mrs. Rauscher going to the chambers of Judge Wright?"

"I will answer if I have to, but I do not think rumors constitute evidence. I saw Mrs. Rauscher in the courtroom during the trial, and she was entirely respectable. I saw her there often, and Carmody bowed himself in and out of the courtroom in asking for a transfer of the case."

**Were Schoolmates.**  
"Did you know that Carmody was an old friend and schoolmate of Mrs. Rauscher?" asked Mr. Burlington, up on cross-examination of Mr. Easby-Smith.

"No sir, I did not," replied Mr. Easby-Smith.

"At what season of the year did you see Mrs. Rauscher at the judge's chambers?"

"My recollection is that I saw her there during the spring of 1912, and during the taking of the testimony. I saw her around there more than once, but I do not recall now whether it was when Judge Wright was holding his vacation term or not. I also saw her around there in the autumn and winter of that year."

"Is it not a fact that the hearing of the testimony in the judge's chambers was upon request of counsel?"

"It was not upon request of either counsel. I saw Mrs. Rauscher in the courtroom, because I knew the character of the testimony that was going to be brought out. I believe Mr. Carmody testified that the case was heard in the chambers because of the character of the testimony. I don't see how the court could know what the character of the testimony was going to be."

"It is not a fact that the name of a lady who stands very high in Washington society was brought out in the testimony?"

"It was, but I had not the slightest intimation of the name of the lady who stood very high in Washington society. I don't see how the court could have known it."

**Fraternity Initiation.**  
Two new members are to be initiated into the Washington Alumni Chapter of Delta Tau Delta fraternity at the smoker to be held at the University Club tomorrow night.

**Took It Literally.**  
"Why has your wife decided to give up a European trip?" was contemplated by a Chicago Record-Herald.

"She happened to hear somebody say that travel broadened one."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Kindergarten Outing Set For Today Is Postponed

There are many disappointed kindergarten children in Washington today. A grand outing planned for the various kindergartens in the city was to have been held at the Smithsonian grounds all day, but the rain of last night forced a postponement. The Marine Band was expected to be in attendance.

Miss Catherine R. Watkins, in charge of the kindergarten, called off festivities early this morning when it was learned that the ground was too wet to allow the children to have their outing. A later date will be set for the affair, which members of the board of education and officials of the public schools are expected to attend.

## Clark, I. C. C. Chairman, Has Stomach Operation

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